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REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/160,424
Filing Date	September 25, 1998
First Named Inventor	Scot L. Schneebeli
Art Unit	2152
Examiner Name	Stephan Willett
Attorney Docket Number	1215

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on December 31, 2001 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other Information Disclosure Statement With Certification Under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d) previously filed on February 7, 2002
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17).
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Check in the amount of \$ 1,140.00 enclosed (RCE fee \$740; 2-month Extension fee \$400)
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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